

# American League to Lower Its Expenses

Shorter Training Season and Player Limit Said To Be Contemplated.

**BILLY SULLIVAN WILL QUIT GAME**

**Kansas City Federal League Team, Which Comes to New York, Lacks .300 Hitters.**

By JEROME BEATTY.

When the American League managers meet next month they will make two moves toward retrenchment that were made by the National League last spring. A player limit will be established and the spring training season will be cut short, according to men close to American League officials.

Already the managers in the clubs in the younger organization are making their arrangements so that they will not be interfered with by the expected ruling. The Yankees will not begin training until March 1, although a few pitchers will slip down to Macon, unofficially the last week in February.

The Chicago White Sox, who usually started on their training trip to California in February, will train in Texas, and will not leave Chicago until March 1. The Detroit Tigers also are arranging to go South later than usual, and the other clubs will follow suit.

The Giants protested vigorously last season about the limit, for they had a number of veterans, held by long term contracts, who were of little use, but who filled up the club roster.

Other clubs, however, found the limit rule to be a success, and the system which the training season was shortened out of a good sized slice of the general running expenses.

It always has been a question as to whether long training seasons were worth while. They were expensive, and often clubs got to their camps so early that warm weather had not yet arrived. The Giants, in March last year, came in between good spells of weather, however. The sun was shining, but the clouds were dark, never to return until they got out of town.

The Cleveland American League are optimistic persons. They still have the name of George Stovall, who has a reserve list like a light in the window that the sailor's widow keeps.

Captain Huston is planning now on the gates for his new park.

"But what," asks a curious person, "do the Yankees need with entrances to their park?"

Billy Sullivan, former White Sox catcher, who with Minneapolis last season, announces that he has quit baseball forever. Sullivan was unique in the use of explosives. When angered he would cry "Gee whiz!" but if driven to distraction, he would fire an umpire these terrible words, "Holy cow, Mr. Umpire! Whatter you givin' us? Holy cow!"

The player limits in the major leagues are cutting down the number of drafts. This season only four players were drafted by the majors, at against forty-three a year ago.

Of the seventeen players drafted by the American League, the Yankees took seven. The Giants drafted four.

A Philadelphia paper wonders why there is less rooting now at baseball games. Perhaps it's because in these new drafts it is easier for the players to reach the fans and do something more than to talk back.

The Kansas City Federal League club, which will be brought to New York, was seventh in batting in the organization and did not boast of one .300 hitter. It probably, in fact, did not boast of any of its hitters, with the possible exception of Kenworthy, who batted .297. George Stovall hit only .218.

## COMMERCIAL HIGH WINS

Before Superior Attack Brooklyn Prep. Loses Chance for Championship.

The hopes of Brooklyn Prep. for the championship of Brooklyn were shattered when it bowed to Commercial High School on the latter's field yesterday by a score of 12 to 0. Brooklyn threatened only once, in the final quarter, when it advanced to the 2-yard line. However, it found the Commercial defense unmovable and surrendered the ball on downs.

Commercial defended on straight line play to force rivals down the field, varying this attack with a few forward passes. O'Brien scored the first touchdown in the opening quarter, and Kenworthy added the other in a score period. The last half found Commercial stubbornly fighting against a determined attack.

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## DE WITT CLINTON LOSES CLOSE GAME

Fordham Prep. Is Victor as High School Neglects Opportunities.

De Witt Clinton went down to another football defeat, this time at the hands of the strong Fordham Prep School eleven at Lenox Oval yesterday by a score of 13 to 0. Early in the last quarter and twice again in the last five minutes of play De Witt Clinton had opportunities for touchdowns, but it allowed them to slip out of its grasp.

With the game rapidly coming to an end, Fordham held for downs on its two-yard line, and shortly afterward Brown, the Clinton fullback, fumbled the ball in going over the line.

In the defeat, however, the Clinton adherents noticed a marked improvement in the playing of the eleven. Its attack was sharp and low, while the defense was stout and unyielding. Although the players held to the ball more tightly than in the contest against Stamford last week, a fumble gave Fordham a chance to score one of its touchdowns. Kitter, at fullback, played a heady game, getting off his spiral kicks for long distances.

Fordham proved to be an eleven well versed in the fundamentals of the game and possessed of a wide assortment of open formation attacks. It used the forward pass with success. It had a stiff defense that Clinton found difficult to pierce for substantial gains, and one that held well when danger threatened.

The Fordham runners proved hard to down. William and Frisch, in the Marion club backfield, played an especially fine all around game, battering the Clinton defense for big gains. Late in the fourth quarter Williams sustained severe bruises on the left hip that compelled him to leave the game. He was carried, but he made a hard tackle of Ritten, the Clinton fullback, and dropped him on the 15-yard line, with no other Fordham member between him and the goal line.

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## Columbia Crew Just After Beating Yale at New Haven on Friday



## STEVENS DEFEATS RENSSELAER POLY

Tech Eleven Rolls Up Four Touchdowns, Mostly on Open Play.

Stevens defeated the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute eleven yesterday in a game marked by a display of open football by the score of 27 to 0.

Stevens won by getting the jump on their opponents. From almost the first play the Hoboken team displayed a brand of open football that left Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in a bewildered state, and netted the three touchdowns before the Trojans succeeded in solving their formations. Out of the first four forward passes tried by the Jerseys, three were successful, each of them netting long gains.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute took a big brace after Stevens had scored three touchdowns, and started a march down the field on their own account. Two long forward passes brought Tech, his opponents on the defensive, to the 10-yard line, and a score seemed imminent, but a forward over the line failed, and Stevens got the ball on its own 20-yard line.

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## Handy Will Remain with Brookline Swimming Team



## Interscholastic Champion Not to Enter Worcester Academy—Much Interest in Proposed Indoor Race.

By L. De B. HANDLEY.

Lee Handy, the all-round interscholastic swimming champion and record holder of 1914-15, will again wear the colors of the Brookline High School of Boston. He expected to enter Worcester Academy, but found the courses he intended to take were not open to him. It looks, therefore, as if the Brookline team would once again be in the line for national aquatic titles. Handy is in himself a host, and there are several other good point winners on the squad.

Interest in the 15-mile indoor swimming race, proposed by Raymond Boyle, of Pittsburgh, appears to be growing. Charles Toth, of Boston, announced a few days ago that he would be glad to take part in such an event, and now Gus Wise, president of the street club, of the same city, writes that his organization is not only willing to stage a test of endurance, but will furnish several starters.

The Cincinnati Gymnasium and Athletic Club has become an ardent promoter of swimming, and its hands-on new pool will be the scene of constant activities this season. The home team has secured meets with a number of colleges and clubs, and water carnivals for fat hatators are to be held; and the junior championships of Central A. A. U. district will also be competed for in the club natatorium.

Charles Marshauer, the young sprinter of Stuyvesant High School, is developing into a likely candidate for 50 and 100 yard laurels. He is covering 50 yards in 14 seconds, and 100 yards, the longer under 35 seconds, and John Zimnoch, his coach, feels confident he will cut these times considerably before the important events are run off.

The championship aquatic tournament of the Public Schools Athletic League will open this week, and there is promise of good performances and keen competition in the four initial meets. Before next Saturday the following teams will try conclusions: Townsend Harris Hall vs. Bay Ridge; DeWitt Clinton vs. Erasmus Hall; Commercial vs. Commerce, and Manual Training